

REMARKS

This Amendment is responsive to the non-final Office Action mailed on January 26, 2006. Claims 1-32 are pending, of which claims 2-5, 8, 9, 11-21, and 24-31 are cancelled and claims 6, 7, and 10 are withdrawn. Claims 33-37 are new. Applicants appreciate the Examiner's indication that claims 21-23 and 32 are allowable. Applicants have elected to amend the claims to recite the subject matter of dependent claims 21 and 23 in independent form as claims 1 and 23, respectively. These claim amendments are made without prejudice to representing claim 1 in a continuing application. In view of the foregoing amendments, as well as the following remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in complete condition for allowance and request reconsideration of the application in this regard.

Election/Restriction

Applicants partially disagree with the Examiner's redetermination of the claims that read on the elected embodiment of Species A, Embodiment 2. Applicants request that the Examiner consider the withdrawal of claims 6, 7, and 10 that also read on Species A, Embodiment 2, which is shown in FIGS. 12 and 13. With regard to claims 6 and 7, the device of FIGS. 12 and 13 includes cladding 48 disposed on the waveguide 12c. With regard to claim 10, the device of FIG. 12 includes the reflector 122 that operates as "a region between said waveguide and said photoluminescent medium effective to reflect said light of said first wavelength back into said waveguide."

Rejection of Claims Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,819,845 to Lee et al. Applicants have amended claim 1 to add the subject matter of original dependent claim 21, which the Examiner has indicated as allowable. Accordingly, Applicants request that the rejection of claim 1 be withdrawn.

New Claims

Claims 33-37 are new claims that depend from claim 23. Claims 33-37 are patentable for at least the same reasons as claim 23. Claims 33-37 also recite unique combinations of elements not disclosed or suggested by the art of record.

Conclusion

Applicants have made a bona fide effort to respond to each and every requirement set forth in the Office Action. In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, this application is submitted to be in complete condition for allowance and, accordingly, a timely notice of allowance to this effect is earnestly solicited. In the event that any issues remain outstanding, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned to expedite issuance of this application.

Applicants do not any believe fees are dues in connection with filing this communication. If, however, any fees are necessary as a result of this communication, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any under-payment or fees associated with this communication or credit any over-payment to Deposit Account No. 23-3000.

Respectfully submitted,

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